

Assembly Resolution No. 1551

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 25, 2026, as International Day for Afro-Latin American, Afro-American and Diaspora Women in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Women of the African Diaspora are incredibly diverse, representing hundreds of cultures, ethnicities, languages and countries; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1992 by the Network of Afro-Latin American Afro Caribbean and Diaspora Women (RMAAD) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, this day is rooted in organized resistance and community building; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations Second International Decade for People of African Descent is a timeframe designated to confront the legacies of enslavement and colonialism, deliver reparatory justice, and secure the full human rights and freedoms of people of African descent worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The day is recognized in conjunction with the United Nations Decade for People of African Descent and the Afro-Latino Festival of New York which has served as an event to amplify the principles of justice, recognition, and development, since 2014; and

WHEREAS, The authentic cultural recognition and substantive civic engagement that marks July 25th goes beyond a single day and is part of a month-long cultural campaign grounded in programming, civic education and community solidarity; and

WHEREAS, By recognizing this day we honor the resilience, leadership, and cultures of the diaspora women in this state and the communities they represent; and

WHEREAS, We honor the diversity of the diaspora and the strength it brings to our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 25, 2026, as International Day for Afro-Latin American, Afro-American and Diaspora Women in the State of New York.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.